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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

BOX RCE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/695,306
Confirmation Number	1186
Filing Date	October 25, 2000
First Named Inventor	Seiji UMEMOTO
Group Art Unit	2875
Examiner Name	Jacob Y. CHOI
Matter Number	Q61458

Title	PLANE LIGHT SOURCE UNIT AND REFLECTION TYPE LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on March 20, 2003
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

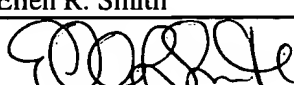
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name Ellen R. Smith Registration No. 43,042

Signature  Date April 21, 2003



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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61458

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed March 20, 2003, and prior to examination, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Amended) A plane light source unit comprising:

a light pipe including an upper surface, a lower surface, and an incidence side surface,
and including a light output means formed in said upper surface so that light incident on said
incidence side surface exits from said lower surface through said light output means while light
incident on said lower surface is transmitted through said upper surface; and

a linear light source disposed on said incidence side surface of said light pipe, said linear
light source having an effective light emission region which is longer than a longitudinal length
of said incidence side surface,